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Includes: 11 meals (5B, 1L, 5D), Tour the **Great Smoky Mountain National Park** (with scenic stops), 3 nights in **Pigeon Forge** at brand-new **Drury Plaza plus 1st & last nights at Drury in Morrow GA!** A very special guided tour of <u>Cades Cove</u> in Smoky Mtn. Nat'l **Park!** This is the area of the park you are <u>most likely to see a variety of wildlife</u> in its natural habitat. Includes **picnic lunch** as well and features a local, informative step-on guide. Also, next day, we'll pay a visit to nearby **Gatlinburg**, one of America's great mountain resort destinations. You'll find dozens of local and national restaurants, shops and attractions galore. You'll have plenty of time to see it all, lunch here is on your own, your choice. Gatlinburg prides itself on its walkability amidst mountain heritage and the arts, crafts and shops that reflect that tradition.

<u>Day One</u> – Our first day together is a travel day to **Drury Inn** in **Morrow, Georgia**, our home for the night. Drury Inns are offering their guests an incredible array of amenities including: arrival refreshments, complimentary in-room coffee, deluxe continental breakfast (hot & cold), 60 minutes per night, per room <u>free</u> long distance calling. In the evening, our hotel has the **5:30 Kickback® for free hot food and cold beverages**. The rotating menu features a variety of hot food, including soup, hot dogs, BBQ Sliders, macaroni & cheese, baked potatoes, hot vegetables, a nacho bar and more! Plus, beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks are served everyday. There's something for everyone at Drury's 5:30 Kickback. We will call this our "Drury Dinner". Wake up in the morning to a **Hot Breakfast**! Take your pick from a selection of great breakfast items including scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage and make-your-own Belgian waffles or pancakes, cereals, yogurt, fruit bagels, toast, juices and more.

DAY TWO, THREE & FOUR – After a great Drury Inn Breakfast, today's travels will take us through Georgia and continue to the **Pigeon Forge/Sevierville/Gatlinburg Tennessee area**, traveling through **The Smoky Mountain National Park**. There is a lot of beautiful mountain scenery as well as opportunity for spotting wild

Elk. **The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation** has been working to re-establish elk herds in historic ranges where the habitat and human cultural tolerance create a high potential for self-sustaining herds. Hopefully, we will spot an elk or two as we travel through the park! If time allows, we will stop at the very memorable **Newfound Gap.** It was here that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dedicated the National Park to the American people in 1940! You'll also find a great picture taking opportunity here at a sign placed right at the state line between North Carolina and Tennessee, you can be in two states at one time!

Next, we'll arrive at our home for the next three nights, **The Drury Plaza** in **Pigeon Forge, Tennessee!**. Our hotel is located right in the heart of Pigeon Forge. This 100% non-smoking hotel features an **indoor, heated pool with outdoor whirlpool**, microwave and refrigerators, hairdryer, iron and ironing board in guest rooms. If you find yourself with some free-time and would like to explore the town on your own, there is a great trolley system nearby (small fee applies) to visit further destinations of interest. Please enjoy a relaxing night, the

Drury Plaza has you covered! The 5:30 Kickback! features both food and drinks (beer, wine, mixed drinks & soda) are complimentary. The rotating menu features a variety of hot food, including soup, hot dogs, BBQ Sliders, chicken & pasta, salad, macaroni & cheese, baked potatoes, hot vegetables, a nacho bar and more! This "Plaza" location of Drury also has a restaurant, "The Kitchen Bar" where sandwiches, salads, dessert & more are available for purchase if you wish.

<u>Day Three</u> – After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart with our local, professional tour guide for today. You'll be sure to enjoy the guided tour of another part of the **Smoky Mountain National Park featuring Cades Cove!** A <u>picnic lunch</u> will also be included during our tour today. Some of the highlights of the Cades Cove tour include: Scenic photo stops, The Cable Mill & Visitor's Center, a 6,800-acre valley near Townsend TN, a wide diversity of both plants and animals, a 19th Century grist mill, historic homes & churches – containing the largest collection of historic log buildings in the East. An eleven-mile, one-way loop road encircles the valley floor, and our local guide will enhance this approximately 5-hour tour even more!

<u>Day Four</u> - Enjoy the hotel's included breakfast before departing to pay a visit to nearby **Gatlinburg**, one of Amerca's great mountain resort destinations. You'll find dozens of local and national restaurants, shops, and attractions galore. You'll have plenty of time to see it all, lunch here is on your own, your choice. Gatlinburg prides itself on its walkability amidst mountain heritage and the arts, crafts and shops that reflect that tradition. for a visit to the nearby town of **Gatlinburg**, **Tennessee**. Ride the yellow chairlift to the best views in Gatlinburg and cross the record-setting SkyBridge, the **longest** pedestrian cable bridge in North America (fee applies for this adventure). This is a great little town! After a fun day exploring Gatlinburg, we return to the Drury Plaza for another great 5:30 Kickback! -hot food and cold, refreshing drinks. Good Night!

<u>Day Five</u> – After another hot Drury breakfast, we depart Pigeon Forge via **Sevierville** – the childhood hometown of **Dolly Parton**. There is a great picture taking opportunity at the statue of "Young Dolly" on the lawn of the Sevierville courthouse after our hotel's included breakfast and travel back to Georgia, with appropriate stops. If time permits, we will do some sightseeing in Downtown Atlanta. Then, our final tour night will be spent at the **Drury Inn - Morrow**. All the same amenities, food and drink will be complimentary again as described in Day 1. Enjoy!

<u>Day Six</u> – After enjoying Drury's delicious breakfast offerings this morning, our tour begins winding down as we return to Florida. Enjoy the lovely scenery and thank you for choosing Travel Is Fun Tours!





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